

Discovery near Kafr Kassem 'Oldest Hebrew writing found'

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FRANK TRIVIA. — Eighty Hebrew letters arranged in five lines, engraved on a tablet found at the bottom of a silo on Ibel Sarta, between Kafr Kassem and Migdal Zedek, may be the most ancient known specimen of Hebrew script — a hundred years older than the famous Gezer Calendar of the late 10th century B.C.E.

As yet, the inscription has not been deciphered because the imprint on the clay is extremely shallow.

The discovery — which has caused a sensation among archaeologists — was made during excavations conducted by a team headed by Dr. Moshe Kochavi, head of the Tel Aviv University's archaeology department, and Dr. Moshe Garsiel, who directs the Hebrew studies of Bar-Ilan University.

Newsman who were taken on a tour of the site yesterday were informed that Ibel Sarta should be identified with Ibel Hazer mentioned in Chapter 4 of the first book of Samuel. It was there according to the writing, that the Israelites gathered, looking over to Philistine-held Afek across the 3,000-metre-wide valley. Hoping to recover from a recent defeat from the Philistines, the Israelites brought the Holy Ark from Shilo to Ibel Hazer. But the Philistines, who

heard the joyous Israelites welcoming the Ark, decided to strike in force to prevent their rebellious subjects from envying them. In the ensuing battle, 30,000 Israelites perished.

On the top of the rocky promontory, which is Ibel Sarta, the archaeologists uncovered the walls of a building 10x15 metres, with a series of silos on its eastern and northern sides.

There are no signs of conflagration on the site, and Israel Finkelstein, of Bar-Ilan University, says that this suggests the place was abandoned, rather than conquered in battle.

At Tel Beersheba, excavations wound up on Monday after eight years of intensive work. The Tel Beersheba team, led for seven years by the late Prof. Yohanan Aharoni until his death last year, uncovered an unexcavated settlement from King Saul's time (11th Century B.C.E.) and a walled city from King David's time.

Among the finds in the unexcavated settlement were a number of buildings and some deep wells also used for grain storage. The next layer was a fortified city from King Saul's time with walls 4.5-metres wide.

One of the most exciting discoveries, director Zeev Herzog said, was a horned altar with traces of sacrifices still discernable. The altar was destroyed by Sennacherib in 701 B.C.E.

Argentina frees Zionist group

THE EIGHT JEWS detained in Cordoba, Argentina, were released late last night, Israel time, the Foreign Ministry announced in Jerusalem early this morning.

The eight, three of them Jewish Agency youth movement emissaries, the wives of two of them and three local Zionist workers, were taken into custody about two weeks ago. No charges were presented against them.

Portugal's bid for ties greeted in Jerusalem



Mario Soares

By our Diplomatic Correspondent
THE PORTUGUESE Premier's announcement that he will seek to normalize diplomatic ties with Jerusalem has been received with satisfaction here.

Premier Mario Soares made the announcement in the Portuguese National Assembly in Lisbon on Monday, in a four-hour speech introducing his new Cabinet.

Soares said: "While adhering to the principles of mutual respect and non-intervention in the internal affairs of other states, we are currently faced with the issue of establishing diplomatic ties with the People's Republic of China and with Israel, and we feel that there is no reason to hinder us from establishing relations with all the nations of the world without regard to their domestic policies."

The official text of the speech containing this statement was distributed in the National Assembly and the relevant section was cabled to the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem.

Jerusalem regards the statement as a positive declaration of intent which goes beyond his public remark of last week about "establishing diplomatic ties with all states," but without naming Israel. The process of negotiating the establishment of ties may take time, Israel has had a Consul-General in Lisbon for many years but Portugal has never had consular representation here.

The key to the change is the rise to power in Lisbon of the Socialist Party after many years of national dictatorship followed by Communist dominance. Israel's Labour Party maintained cordial ties with exiled leaders of the Portuguese Socialist movement for many years, especially with Soares himself, in Paris.

Labour men in charge of international relations, Micha Elisha and Yisrael Gatt, suggested to Soares on more than one occasion that he visit Israel and spend time on a kibbutz. Soares is said to have agreed in principle. But before he could make the trip, the revolution came, and he was called to Lisbon to be the Foreign Minister.

Official delegation of the Portuguese Socialist Party visited Israel in June and the prospect of ties being established in the near future was mentioned. The delegation met Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, as well as Labour leaders here.

Dayan in Hongkong

HONGKONG. — Moshe Dayan, Israel's former Defence Minister, arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Australia en route to Rome. Dayan declined to talk to reporters and it was not immediately known how long he planned to stay here. (AP)

Sadat claims Israel, Syria in cahoots to crush PLO

CAIRO. — President Anwar Sadat alleged yesterday that Israel had reneged on the idea of a "red line" beyond which Syrian troops should not advance in Lebanon and given Damascus a free hand to liquidate the Palestinians there.

The agreement, he said, was reached in secret contacts between Syria and Israel held recently in Geneva.

Addressing a group of Egyptian students studying in North America, Sadat said: "It has become clear the Syrians are liquidating the Palestinians in a more cruel manner than the Israelis did. It has become clear that those who championed Palestinian slogans are the same persons who are liquidating the Palestinians now."

"At first Israel said there is a red line and declared this to the whole world, because America was (acting as a communication channel) between them (Syria and Israel). But then they held direct contacts in Geneva and (Israel told Syria) have a free hand, as long as you are liquidating the Palestinians," Sadat said.

Sadat's charge, made in Alexandria, climaxed an anti-Syrian campaign in the Egyptian press which began last week by denouncing the agreement between Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as a "Palestinian document of surrender." Newspapers claimed Syrian and Israeli intelligence agents met in a Geneva hotel on July 24 to draw up plans for assassinating anti-Israel terrorist leaders, including PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

Sadat said Russia was maintaining its arms embargo against Egypt, but the armed forces were fully equipped and prepared to liberate Israel-occupied soil if peaceful efforts failed. (UPI)

IDF contacts with leftist Lebanese

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter
IDF LIAISON OFFICERS have held three meetings under United Nations auspices at the Rosh Hanikra checkpoint with officers of Lieutenant Ahmed Khatib's breakaway Lebanese Arab Army. This is because practical realism dictates contact with whatever forces Israel faces across its borders. It is learned that Khatib's PLO allies were not represented at these meetings.

Authoritative observers in Jerusalem say that Israel's "red line" policy of deterring Syria from entering southern Lebanon was created an umbrella for the PLO and their leftist allies in that part of the country.

Israel prefers to keep the Syrian armed forces out of southern Lebanon and away from its northern border, even though this has created a vacuum which the PLO and the leftists have filled, to set up an organizational base there. This development was inevitable, the observers believe.

The PLO-leftist alliance is receiving steady supplies of war material and provisions shipped from Libya and Egypt, through its two harbours in Tyre and Sidon, it is learned here. This alliance is most anxious not to heat up the Israel-Lebanese border at the present time, because the present equilibrium between Israel and Syria is its main guarantee for survival.

The alliance is not expected to interfere seriously in the immediate future, with trade and other contacts across the border fence.

The assumption that the turmoil in Lebanon will keep the Arab world occupied for a long time to come must be central in Israel's thinking, according to observers in Jerusalem. Although this country has gained and not lost by developments to date, there is little hope that the Arab world will change its mind

soon about a settlement with Israel. The present split in the Arab world over Lebanon, more critical than any since 1967, may produce alignments which cannot yet be predicted.

Jerusalem believes that the present military coordination between Syria and Jordan, aimed against Iraq, is more effective and is maintained at a higher level of command than it was ever against Israel. Jordanian armour joined Syrian units on the border with Iraq.

The Arab leaders no longer mention the dispute with Israel in their diplomatic contacts with the great powers, stressing that Lebanon is their only concern at the present time. However, they cannot abstain from paying lip service to the Israel dispute in their public utterances, observers note.

Jerusalem feels that the latest "Damascus agreement" between Syria and the PLO cannot hold up for long, mainly because the PLO cannot undertake to keep out of Lebanese politics and refrain from military operations. In any case, one or more Arab countries will always aid and abet the PLO, whether it be Egypt, Iraq, Libya or another.

Syria wants to hammer the PLO into submission, without physically liquidating it, it is believed here. Syria does not want to "go all the way," mainly for political reasons. But there are military reasons too, like the presence of two or three Iraqi divisions on the Syrian border.

The Syrian army is over-extended and its units on the Golan Heights are at their thinnest since the Yom Kippur War.

Elsewhere in the Arab world, Libyan leader Mu'ammur Gaddafi has become a major headache for Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Sudan. These three non-radical states are more occupied with keeping Gaddafi at bay, than with any other issue.

At the great power level, events in Lebanon have left the Soviet Union in a quandary and dented

its prestige in the Middle East even more than did the interim agreement between Egypt and Israel. Observers in Jerusalem believe that Russia cannot break with Syria, if it wants to keep its last remaining stake in the Israel-Arab rivalry. Russian influence in Iraq, however valuable for its policies in the Persian Gulf and Arabian peninsula area, has no relevance to the Israel-Arab dispute.

While it is known that no new arms deals are being signed between Damascus and Moscow, this does not appear to trouble President Assad. He has huge amounts of weaponry in reserve, as he had at the time of the Yom Kippur War, and can easily cope with a halt in the flow.

The chill with Moscow was not brought Syria closer to the U.S. in any significant sense, observers believe. However, it has deepened the dialogue between Damascus and Washington, and Washington is certainly interested in such a rapprochement.

Jerusalem holds that a golden opportunity now faces Israel to whittle down the prestige of the PLO in international public opinion. Misconceived charges that Washington is granting the PLO *de facto* recognition by negotiating with it over evacuation of civilians from Beirut, serve to throw away this opportunity. In any case, Jerusalem believes, U.S. wants to downgrade the PLO just now, and show due respect to Syria.

This week's terrorist infiltration across the Dead Sea does not indicate that the Jordan authorities have stopped cracking down on Palestinian organizations. Jerusalem assumes on the basis of evidence so far that the Jordanians do all they can to hamper raids of this sort.

Israel, for its part, has no reason to change its policy that the Palestine problem can be solved only in collaboration with Jordan, a policy which the U.S. political world understands.

Arab trade groups call 1st victims rescued from Tel el-Zaatar for end to VAT strike

Jerusalem Post-Reporter
THE WEST BANK Chambers of Commerce last night appealed to all businesses in their area to end the three-day-old strike in protest against the imposition of the Value Added Tax there.

Most shopkeepers in East Jerusalem yesterday joined the West Bank anti-VAT business strike as Arab extremists appeared to be trying — with little success — to intimidate merchants into staging a total and long-term shut down.

West Bankers claim that the authorities have no right to impose the Israel taxation system in the "occupied" areas. VAT went into effect in Israel at the beginning of July, but its implementation in the administered areas was put off until August 1, pending publication of the new tax rules in Arabic.

Local Arab opposition to the new eight per cent tax, linked to compulsory bookkeeping, was being organized by extremist circles for political aims, it would seem the extremists were trying to transform the anti-tax protest into political unrest aimed at bolstering the image of the Palestine Liberation Organization, whose decline at the hands of the Syrians in Lebanon

has cast its shadow among local Arabs. However, extremist attempts to incite youngsters to hurl rocks at security forces and hoist "Palestinian" flags, in Nablus and elsewhere, failed to trigger the public unrest the circles hoped for.

Attempts to instigate political demonstrations followed the local Arabs' total lack of response to a PLO call to Arabs in the administered areas to stage a business strike on Monday and Tuesday of last week. The call, which was repeatedly broadcast by the Egyptian state radio, urged local Arabs to show their support for the PLO, as the latter faced capitulation to a Damascus-imposed truce in Lebanon.

A PLO claim that it received a message of "unqualified support" from 100 local Arab leaders was discounted by well-informed sources in the administered areas.

VAT pressure law

Jerusalem Post-Reporter
THE KNESSET yesterday adopted a bill barring Government and Government-supported bodies from purchasing goods or services from suppliers who do not keep books in accordance with the Income Tax Ordinance and the Value Added Tax Law.

May damage arms deal

U.S. pilot killed with Saudi pupil

By WOLF RITZER
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WASHINGTON. — An American Airforce major and the Saudi pilot he was training were killed this week when their American-made F-5E interceptor crashed in Saudi Arabia, informed sources here disclosed yesterday.

The sources said that the Saudi pilot was responsible for the crash, details of which are being withheld temporarily by the Pentagon.

The accidental death of the unidentified American pilot is expected to cause a stir here because of the current uproar in the Congress and among the public at large over the scope of the U.S.-Saudi military supply relationship and the large number of Americans currently training Saudi Arabian troops.

The Ford Administration is considering the introduction of massive sales of sophisticated offensive hardware, including 1,000 laser-guided smart bombs, another 1,500 Maverick air-to-ground missiles, 1,000 Tow anti-tank missiles and other modern radars and related items.

In an effort to blunt Congressional opposition to the proposed sales, some White House officials are urging the President to reduce the

sale of Sidewinders from the original 2,000 to around 1,000. No final decision has yet been reached.

There is a growing mood on Capitol Hill to begin hearings to re-evaluate the Administration's premises in providing so much sophisticated weaponry to Saudi Arabia, which has ordered \$4.6 billion worth of equipment, construction and maintenance this year alone.

The virtually unrestricted export of arms to Iran over the past few years — criticized earlier this week by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee — is leading several legislators here to begin a full re-consideration of the U.S.-Saudi military supply relationship.

Many critics of the Administration's arms policy towards the Saudis complain that a political decision was made at the top of the U.S. Government — meaning Secretary of State Kissinger — to supply massive arms sales to the Saudis, while no legitimate threat to their country really warranted such sales.

The "justification" was later ordered by the Administration, the critics charge.

During hearings before Congress, Administration spokesmen claim that Saudi Arabia is threatened by a potential attack from South Yemen and Iraq.

BEIRUT. — The International Red Cross evacuated 91 wounded from the besieged Palestinian refugee camp of Tel el-Zaatar yesterday under a truce broken by sporadic sniping and machinegun fire.

The first victims to leave the camp since it came under Christian shelling six weeks ago were saluted by volleys of shots and blasts on car horns when they crossed into Moslem-held West Beirut.

Some of the wounded were able to stand up and wave from Red Cross vehicles. Others lay motionless, swathed in bandages.

The much-postponed mercy operation lasted just over four hours during an arranged cease-fire. The firing came after two mortar shells hit a building on the edge of the camp, at the same time as the first Red Cross car entered a football field where the wounded were collected.

Before gunmen of Interior Minister Camille Chamoun's rightwing National Liberal Party (NLP) would allow the convoy to enter the camp, they confiscated all medicines, blankets and water from Red Cross ambulances and trucks.

A Swedish doctor inside the camp reported by radio late last week that Tel el-Zaatar was left with only enough water for a few days. The doctor said there were 4,000 wounded among 30,000 people trapped in the Palestinian enclave, but other estimates put the number of wounded at about 1,000. The Red Cross has said it will take between three and five days to complete the evacuation.

One right-wing gunman said the bombardment of Tel el-Zaatar would resume as soon as the Red Cross party was clear. "Then maybe we'll have another evacuation tomorrow," he said.

The gunman said the Palestinians were strengthening their positions. He pointed out two buildings which

he said rightist artillery would shell in the afternoon.

The Red Cross personnel carried out the wounded in two-man stretchers. The bearers wore Red Cross insignia on their chest and back and on their white-painted helmets.

Nine trucks, also carrying large red crosses, were lined up in the football field — which was as far as they were allowed to go — with two ambulances and two cars.

When the trucks left the camp, they were held up for 30 minutes by right-wing troops anxious to inspect them. This apparently provoked an argument between NLP men and their allies, the phalangists, over who should control the check.

Shooting broke out between the two groups and one NLP gunman fired a volley over the heads of newsmen standing nearby at a disused petrol station.

Gunmen of both sides then began loading the guns and there were tense moments as the convoy was held up on its route away from the camp. But the final stages of the evacuation passed off without incident.

In Geneva, the International Red Cross Committee said yesterday another 150 wounded would be evacuated from Tel el-Zaatar today.

An announcement said the number of wounded in the Palestinian camp was more than 1,000 as originally believed and their situation was "dramatic."

"Some among them require surgery, which was impossible inside the camp, and have been waiting for weeks for medical treatment of their wounds," the committee said.

It said the wounded evacuated yesterday were taken over by the Palestinian Red Crescent for immediate treatment in an emergency clinic set up in the basement of the Arab university in western Beirut. (Reuters, AP)

54th truce today

By our Middle East Affairs Correspondent
and agencies

LEBANON'S WARRING factions last night conducted eleventh-hour contacts to arrange a cease-fire throughout the country from 7 this morning. This would be the 54th cease-fire to be negotiated in Lebanon's 18-month civil war, which has claimed 35,000 dead, and, according to an Egyptian doctor in Beirut, some 150,000 wounded.

The Arab League said it was making plans to implement the new cease-fire, following yesterday's co-operation between the Christian forces and their rivals, the Palestine Liberation Organization and the leftist forces who successfully evacuated of wounded from the Tel el-Zaatar camp, east of Beirut.

Today's cease-fire was to be observed by a joint "security" force sent by the Arab League. Syria said last night that the new truce was being worked out within the context of the Damascus-sponsored peace formula, to which the PLO agreed last week. The head of the PLO's political department, Farouk Kaddoumi, was called to Damascus last night for what appeared to be last-minute consultations linked to the cease-fire. Its main provisions call for a PLO pullback from Beirut.

Kiev in Atlantic

WASHINGTON. — Russia's first aircraft carrier has left the Mediterranean and is sailing northward through the Atlantic Ocean, the Pentagon reported yesterday.

The Kiev, which appeared in the Mediterranean for the first time earlier this month, is regarded by the U.S. navy as the forerunner of a new force of warships equipped with vertical takeoff and landing aircraft.

The 40,000-ton Kiev was last reported southwest of Ireland, moving in a northerly direction, possibly on its way to join the Russian northern fleet. (AP)

and other Lebanese cities as a prelude to the restoration of Lebanon's state authority in the country.

President Suleiman Franjeh's attempt to revive the defunct government of Premier Rashid Karami at a meeting today appeared doomed to failure. The Syrians were now seen likely to persuade Franjeh to step down in favour of President-elect Elias Sarkis, who would form a transition government pending the establishment of a regime dividing the administration equally between Lebanon's Christian and Moslem.

Like conservative Moslems, Christian leaders have approved Syria's initiatives, but they still insist that Franjeh should not step down before the PLO and leftist forces fully acquiesce in all provisions of the cease-fire.

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40km. a year towards national road plan

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
ONLY ABOUT 40 KM of new highway can be built each year under present budgetary limitations.

In recent years, the Government has budgeted between IL300m. and IL400m. annually for its road network. About half of this amount goes for maintenance. Since it costs an average of IL5m. to build one kilometre of road, a IL400m. budget means that only about 40 kilometres of new roads can be built every year.

Prof. Elisha Efrat, "father" of the national highway master plan approved by the Cabinet on Sunday, used this simple reckoning to explain to *The Jerusalem Post* the importance of long-range planning. The plan, which is statutory law now, provides for the addition of 1,500 km to the approximately

4,000 km of the existing network over the next 15 years. At the present level of budgeting, of course, it would take more than 37 years to reach that goal. But the planners hope for bigger budgets sooner or later.

Prof. Efrat, 47, teaches urban geography at Tel Aviv University and is also director of regional planning in the Interior Ministry. Work on the master plan started in earnest after the Six Day War. "My job is forecasting; what happens today is the past for me," Prof. Efrat said.

The importance of the master plan is that it ties all future road construction into one unified concept. This concept includes principles of population dispersal, development of Galilee and the Negev and preference of the interests of public transport over those of the private motorist. All regional and

local authorities will have to fit their road building plans into the master plan, Prof. Efrat said.

The 12-member planning team which Prof. Efrat headed, comprises officials of the Interior and Transport Ministries and of the

Public Works Department, which carries out the actual construction work.

The plan, drawn up to a scale of 1:100,000, fills an entire wall in a room of the Interior Ministry. (The room is open to the public.) The plan provides for four types of road. The first type is the speedway, which when fully developed should have eight lanes, four in each direction, and measure 120 metres across. (Each lane is about four metres wide, but dividing strips and road shoulders and ditches account for the full 120-metre width.)

Other types of roads are metropolitan, national and regional. A metropolitan road, for instance, is one of the roads leading from Tel Aviv's Gheza bypass into the city. A national road connects cities and in many cases would be the only



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Social and Personal

Widow Ingrao, newly elected Speaker of the Italian Parliament, has called his thanks to Yisrael Yeshayahu, Speaker of the Knesset, for the latter's good wishes on Ingrao's election.

The Knesset Speaker also met yesterday with a U.S.-based Jewish youth group of Syrian ancestry, who are participating in a seminar under the auspices of the World Sephardi and World Zionist organizations.

Helms Schwartz, Interior Minister in the Rheinland-Pfalz state in West Germany, yesterday called on Dr. Yosef Burg, Minister of the Interior. Present at the meeting were Dr. Haim Kibersky, ministry director-general, and senior ministry officials.

The 1976 Israel Jetrofrym Prize, endowed by the Jewish National Fund, was awarded yesterday to Dr. Israel Gutman of the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry for his work on "The Resistance Movement and the Armed Uprising of the Jews of Warsaw within the Framework of Ghetto Life 1939-1943."

A farewell reception was tendered yesterday in Tel Aviv to Gavriel Zifroni, who is retiring from his post as general manager of the Habimah theatre company. Present were Aharon Yadin, Minister of Education, Moshe Sambar, chairman of the theatre's board of trustees, and Shimon Finkel, former artistic director of Habimah.

Miss Universe, Rina Mor, on Monday received the Freedom of Tel Aviv from Mayor Shlomo Lahat and toured various parts of the city.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

ARRIVALS

Ida Schleifer, founder and president of the Alumni Club of Columbia University in the U.S., and **Ben-Natan, political adviser to the Defence Minister,** from Paris.

North American tourism up 37%

Jerusalem Post Reporter
 Tourism from North America showed an impressive recovery during the first seven months of the year, the Tourism Ministry spokesman announced yesterday. A total of 150,600 visitors arrived in this period, compared with 110,000 for the comparable period last year — a rise of 37 per cent.

The spokesman, Michael Gidron, said that the "Year of Pilgrimage to Israel" programmes had accounted for part of the increased interest among U.S. and Canadian Jewish communities in visiting Israel. This followed the decline of the two previous years, in which non-Jewish visitors from North America accounted for up to 70 per cent of the total.

The total number of tourists in the seven months was placed at 459,000 by the Central Bureau of Statistics, a 36 per cent increase over the 1975 figure of 337,500 for the same period, and two per cent better than that of Israel's peak tourist year — 1972.

Entebbe commandos in tribute to 'Yoni'

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

The commandos who spearheaded the rescue of the hostages at Entebbe last month gathered in Jerusalem's Beit Ha'am last night to pay tribute — along with hundreds of others — to their late commander, Sgan-Aluf Yonathan Netanyahu. (Photo — p. 3)

The memorial evening, organized by friends of the fallen officer on the thirtieth day after his death, was a fast and moving event which offered glimpses of the sense of Jewish destiny which guided Netanyahu through the trials of battle and the temptations of peace.

An unidentified officer in civilian clothing said that "Yoni" had studied Jewish history not as a collection of facts but as a spiritual source.

In a letter written in 1970 and quoted by former chief of army intelligence Aluf (res.) Aharon Yariv, Netanyahu wrote of the importance of serving in the army at this time. "I believe to a large extent that the existence of the Jewish people is dependent on Israel — that is, on us."

An armoured commander described how Yoni had come to him in Sinai a month after the Yom Kippur War, in which he had served as a commando officer on the Golan Heights, to ask for retraining in armour. "He was impressed by the way the armoured forces had stopped the enemy attacks and driven home the counterattacks." Starting from the lowliest tasks, Netanyahu quickly mastered the craft and was commanding a tank battalion created out of the remnants of a battalion shattered in the war. "Within less than a year, it was one of the best units in the armoured corps," the commander said.

In his farewell speech to the battalion before returning to the commando unit, Yoni told them "I believe in common sense, in a sense of responsibility on the part of the commander, in not passing the buck and in going into the smallest details so as not to compromise on results. I believe in Israel and in the collective feeling of responsibility that must be incumbent on us all."

In a speech of great eloquence, a comrade of Yoni's said life must be measured not just by the span of days between birth and death but by the content of Yoni's life, he said, and not only encompassed battle but a sensitivity to flowers and to poetry. "Beyond the balance and judgement and imagination and courage, what is required in battle is the unquenchable spirit of the nation. This was put to the test at Entebbe," he stated.

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Last-ditch try to stop Indira dictatorship

NEW DELHI — Charging that Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is trying to make her present authoritarian rule permanent, non-Communist opposition parties are mounting a last-ditch campaign to block her plans to amend the Indian constitution.

But with the government enjoying a two-thirds majority in both houses of parliament, Mrs. Gandhi is expected to have her way easily when the amendments come up for debate later this month.

Although the government's final proposals have not been announced, officials of the ruling Congress party have repeatedly stressed that the thrust would be to ensure the "supremacy of parliament."

At the same time, the powers of the courts would be restricted — to limit the judiciary's chances of overturning legislation.

One proposal would put a flat ban on the courts reviewing constitutional amendments.

The Congress Party has argued that the constitutional changes are necessary "to remove hurdles and pave the way for rapid and far-reaching economic changes."

But an opposition-backed committee says this is nothing but a cover for "institutionalizing the present emergency on a permanent basis."

and for establishing an authoritative policy in the country."

The committee also argued that the existing parliament "has forfeited its moral and political authority to amend the constitution" since its regular five-year term expired last March.

The parliament's term was extended for a year when the Congress Party decided to postpone national elections for the first time since independence.

The government and the opposition also differ on whether there has been sufficient public discussion on the constitutional changes.

Law Minister H.R. Gokhale said last week he was "happy over the countrywide debate."

The opposition committee, however, maintained in its statement that "no such free debate has been allowed by the government."

The latest opposition statement itself was heavily censored, with newspapers not allowed to publish its suggestion that parliament should not take up the constitutional issues until fresh elections are held.

The pro-Moscow Communist Party has generally endorsed the proposals, while the other major parties have opposed them. (AP)

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Three more held in T.A 'watermelon' racket

By SHOSHANA BIENBAUM
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Three more watermelon wholesalers were arrested this week on suspicion of taking part in a large-scale protection and extortion racket.

Last week the special police unit for protection crimes arrested three other alleged racketeers, suspected of demanding a IL5 protection payment for every truck delivering melons daily to the Sitrak Market here.

The three arrested this week, police sources said, had used a gang of thugs to forcibly collect debts, but they themselves had been victims of the gang's racket and had to pay protection money for the melon trucks. (It was not clear whether these payments were made directly to the gang or to the suppliers buying from the wholesalers — with the suppliers paying to the gang.)

The wholesalers, having to pay this money, in turn demanded it "Gut" (Yitzhak).

from the farmers. In the form of reduction of IL5 per truck on price they normally pay. A witness who visited the Sitrak market this week told The Jerusalem Post that the wholesalers actually enter this "Gut" in their books, which they keep for income tax purposes under the heading "protection fee" — adding it to the price of the melon shipment.

The police investigation of another crime — the murder of Shlomo Gilkharov at a sports shop in Tel Aviv — reveals it may also be connected to the watermelon racket, and have resulted from an underworld quarrel over control of road watermelon kiosks in the Tel Aviv area.

It is believed that when Gilkharov died, his position as head of the "controllers" was taken over by his brother Yitzhak who died out of sight after three of his gang were arrested last week. The police said they were now looking for him.

Some 35 members of Gush Emunim yesterday demonstrated in front of the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem demanding permission to settle in Jericho.

They had tried to squat near Jericho on Monday but the army blocked their way and evicted them. Yesterday's demonstration was held during a meeting of the Ministerial Committee on Settlement. As the Ministers drove out of the compound, demonstrators handed them booklets describing their plans and letters complaining that their applications to settle had been rejected. The letters said the group comprises more than 200 members.

Gush Emunim leaders have said they want to settle there to prevent ceding the territory to the Arabs. Their case had been raised in the Ministerial Committee by the National Religious Party's Yitzhak Rabin, who asked, "What about Jericho?" The committee's chairman, Israel Galili, replied "An answer will be given," but did not say when. A well qualified source told The Jerusalem Post this does not mean a debate on settlement there had been requested, nor expected.

The problem of the Gush Emunim group in Camp Kaddum was mentioned yesterday. "This comes up at Cabinet meetings," minister told The Post.

Meanwhile, Independent Likud Minister Moshe Kol yesterday briefed his party's "enlarged party faction" on Sunday Cabinet debate on Kaddum. He called on the Government "to implement its decision... to permit settlement on the site." Cabinet on May 9 decided Kaddum group will be transferred to a permanent place of settlement that will be offered it.

Highly placed sources in Government and in Gush Emunim said they have not made any contacts recently.

Canadian doctor wins first round in fight to enter

A Canadian doctor who came to Israel two years ago with his family, and who was barred from reentering after a visit to Europe last month, yesterday won the first round of his battle with the Interior Ministry.

Dr. Harvey (Avraham) Kryger, who has lived here as a tourist while his wife and children became temporary residents, obtained an injunction from the High Court of Justice ordering his release — on certain conditions — from the Ben-Gurion Airport lock-up where he has been detained since arriving from Europe on July 22.

The court also issued an order nisi against the Interior Minister to explain why he should not issue Dr. Kryger a visitor's visa.

The Interior Ministry, Dr. Kryger charged, has apparently decided to turn him into a "test case" in its efforts to keep out drug offenders. The 30-year-old doctor — a physician and dentist — came to Jerusalem in 1974 to specialize in plastic surgery and to study the possibility of aliyah.

In January, 1976, the police found a small quantity of marijuana in his possession, and he was convicted of drug possession. He was fined IL3,000. Though immigration officers at the airport refused to give him any explanation for his entry, his attorneys found out the instruction had issued by the Interior Ministry because of his drug conviction. His subsequent description by police as "a man with a criminal record and dangerous to the public."

Dr. Kryger's wife had last obtained residency permit studies. He too, he claims, had filed in June 1975, for a resident permit, as a temporary worker. But beyond a request from Interior Ministry for supporting documents, he has heard not since.

Until the court decides on case, Dr. Kryger will be able to rejoin his family. He had to pay IL50,000 bail, and to agree his release would not be interpreted as a change in status of the Interior Minister's right to keep him out of the country. (I)

U.S. rabbi to sue Agnew for libel

WASHINGTON. — A prominent American Jewish leader is planning legal action against former Vice President Spiro Agnew for misrepresenting his views in an anti-Israel newsletter.

Rabbi Henry Siegman, executive director of the Synagogue Council of America, has already obtained the services of Harvard law professor Alan Derisowits in the planned libel suit. Their intended damage sum has not yet been determined.

The Agnew newsletter said last week that Rabbi Siegman "trouces Israel for the treaty of the Arabs living in the territories conquered in the 1967 war as finding American Jews 'very captive' to his position."

Siegman denies ever having such a statement. Agnew referred in the article other American Jewish leaders, Breiner, a dissenting American, and a statement to charge that port for Jews in the U.S. Jewish community was eroding.

Inter-faith body to aid victims of Lebanon war

HAIFA. — A national inter-faith relief committee for the victims of Lebanon's civil war was set up here yesterday. Among the members are Jews, Moslems and Christians. They include Chaim Guri and Aharon Amir, the Hebrew poet; Sheikh Farid Wajdi Tabari, the head of the religious court of Jaffa; the head of the Baptist church, Marcus Reed, and the local council heads of Sha'ab and Ba'aneh, in Galilee. Abu Fa'our and Saleh Hassan Bakri, both Moslems.

The initiator of the committee is Greek Catholic Elias Matar, the Haifa businessman who organized aid work many months ago. He said yesterday that the committee's programme will be to help the Lebanese wounded in the hospitals, to collect money for sending food to Lebanon, and to conduct an information campaign. Those who wish to join should telephone 533714 in the Haifa area. A postal bank account had been opened for contributions under No. 4-18652. — A.

LOTTO — The winning numbers in this week's Lotto draw are 07, 23, 24, 27, 30 and 34. The additional number is 26.

Michel Ross Hillman
 Everything is fine. Please call collect.
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We regret to announce the death of
Dr. HENRY S. ROSENBERG, Q.C.
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 a lifelong friend of the Jewish people and
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 His grandchildren in Canada
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The unveiling of the monument in loving memory of
RABBI WILLIAM B. GOLD
 formerly of Chicago, Illinois
 will take place on Thursday, August 5, 1976, at 12 noon,
 at the Eretz Hahaim Cemetery (100 metres south of the
 Har Tuv-Shimshon Junction).
 Rose A. Gold
 and Family
 For information, call Tel. 03-907031.

On the tenth anniversary of his death, I remember
HARRY
 a very special man
 Beverly Brager

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Trees to thwart Arab land claims

Jerusalem Post Reporter

In response to the land disputes in Galilee, the Jewish National Fund plans to plant forests on 10,000 dunams to prevent Arab and Druse residents from staking claims in the area.

The plantings will occur during the coming winter in two areas near Carmel. The Forest Preservation Law will block any attempt to work the area in contention.

"We will protect state lands not with fences but with trees," Sharon Weitz, head of the JNF's forestry division, said yesterday.

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Oil-port workers up in arms again

ASHKELON. — Labour troubles have flared up once more in the Ashkelon oil port, leading to a 12-hour strike of two tankers Monday night.

The oil-port manager, Mishaal Shaban, said yesterday that the installation has lost hundreds of thousands of pounds due to disruptions in the work in the past few weeks.

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Unidentified girl makes her home in a drainage pipe after earthquake shook the Peking area last week. This photo was taken last Thursday and was made available to the Toronto "Globe and Mail" this week.

AVIV STOCK MARKET: Stocks, bonds move ahead

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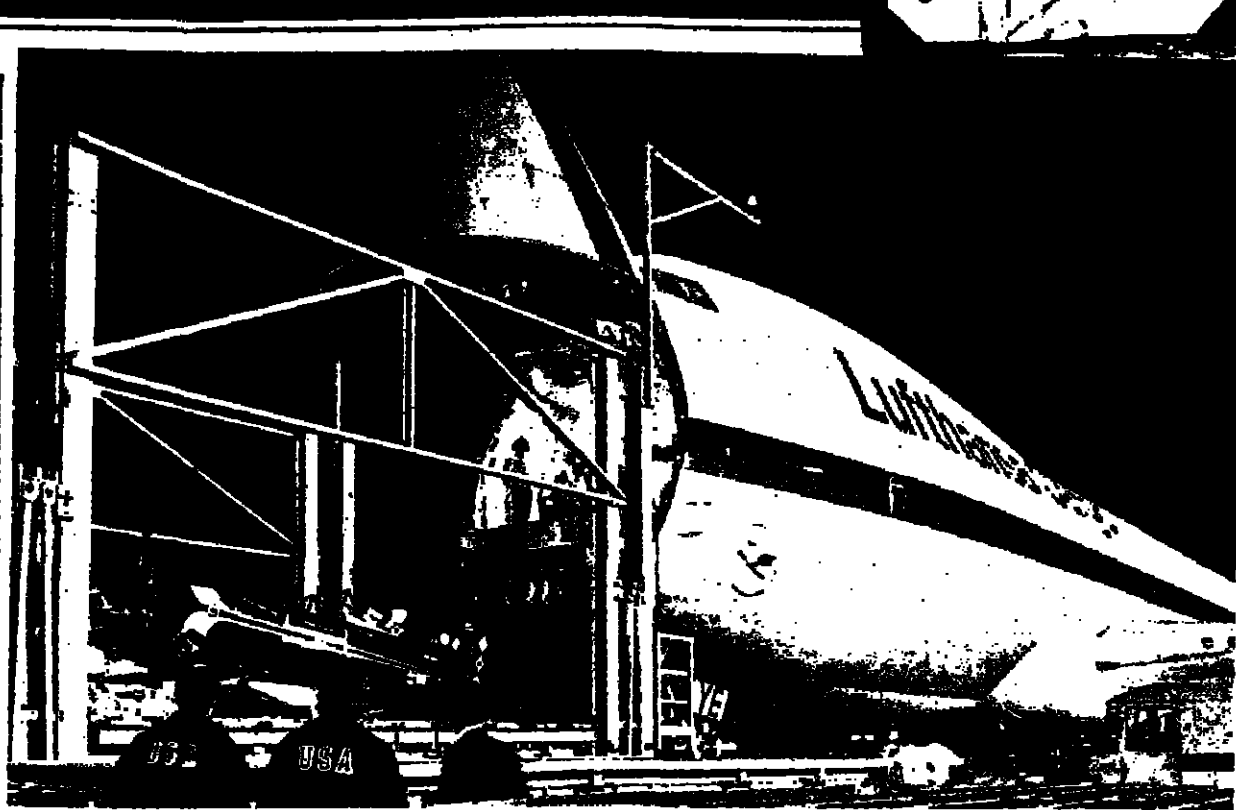
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A Lufthansa Jumbo jet freighter recently transported six special aerobatic aircraft from New York to Frankfurt for the American team to the 1976 world aerobatic flying championships being held in Kiev. The aircraft were dismantled and were carried on pallets in the hold of the Boeing 747 freighter.

THE 'THIRD ISRAEL' MAY HAMPER HEALTH BILL

People in Israel receiving social insurance from West Germany might conceivably stop receiving certain funds if they are compelled to join in the proposed national health insurance scheme here, writes Dr. A. BERGMANN.

IN ORDER TO AVOID a cabinet crisis, the second and third readings of the Health Insurance Bill were postponed last week until the next Knesset term. In the end, however, the bill may founder on a point not adequately considered up to now: the failure to take into account the specific needs of the "Third Israel" who now constitute one eighth of our population.

Twenty thousand citizens in this group are now entitled to special insurance pensions from Germany, and by 1978 the number will probably have risen to 35,000. The recipients also get a supplement — at present rates nearly IL500 a month — toward the cost of their sickness insurance, provided that the insurance is voluntary.

In 1975, Israel received about DM 125 million in the form of social insurance pensions from Germany; in 1976, the Supplement will amount to DM 30 million.

Similar benefits may in due course be obtained from Austria and from the U.S. There are now about 10,000 Israelis who receive U.S. Social Security pensions, and several thousand who receive pension from Austria.

Austrian pensioners resident in Israel receive a 10 per cent supplement to their pension for health insurance, while in the U.S. Medicare benefits are limited to pensioners living in the U.S. (Medicare expenditure for the average pensioner exceeds \$400 a year).

If Israel succeeds in winning this benefit for pensioners resident in Israel, the national economy would receive \$1 million a year beginning 1978.

The sums involved are important enough to warrant some initiative on the part of Israel. Overseas delegates to the Democratic Convention in New York last month formally proposed the inclusion of this demand — the extension of Medicare benefits to pensioners resident outside the U.S. — in the party's platform.

By 1971 the U.S. Social Security Administration had paid out more than \$500 million in pensions to 247,000 non-residents. Extension of Medicare benefits to non-residents might add hundreds of millions of dollars annually to the Medicare budget — which is already affected by a cash deficit — and is therefore likely to meet opposition. But there is still a fair chance of achieving that extension if Israel — and other

South African industry is told what it can do to help Israel

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JOHANNESBURG — SOME OF THE PRACTICAL WAYS South African industry and entrepreneurs could help Israel in the spirit of the agreement reached during Mr. Vorster's recent visit to Jerusalem were outlined at a seminar which the South African Foreign Trade Organization has just held here.

The seminar, on "The South African-Israeli Pact," attracted some of the biggest names in South African commerce and industry.

The Israel Ambassador, Mr. I.D. Uzna, told the gathering that, in the context of trade, Israel and South Africa had only recently discovered each other. South Africa had an abundance of natural wealth, but a scarcity of skilled manpower. Israel, on the other hand, had virtually no raw materials, but had a highly-skilled labour force, capable of undertaking the most sophisticated manufacturing processes.

Mr. S. Green, chairman of African Cattle and Fence Works (which in partnership with Koor and Moshe Timorim produces steel piping and hollow sections) pointed to one such opportunity, created by the establishment of a major steel mill in the U.S. to take a different view.

The new steel mill project at Saldanha Bay, which would produce semi-processed material, could help secure the future growth of Israel's steel industry, he said.

Israel could establish rolling mills and become a large producer. Such mills, in which "a large South African steel producer" might be interested, would pave the way for new industries such as galvanizing, strip, cold rolling, roof sheeting, flat plate, and products for the motor trade and building industry.

Mr. Green said the building of rolling mills had been discussed "with the Israel Minister concerned," who had shown keen interest.

Dr. T.F. Muller, chairman of the South African Iron and Steel Industrial Corporation, said that the corporation's exports to Ikoror Steel Services Ltd., in which Koor has a 51 per cent interest and the South African corporation a 49 per cent interest, constituted about 40 per cent of South Africa's total exports to Israel.

He looked forward to the eventual erection of a direct reduction plant in Israel and listed these projects in which Ikoror and South Africa "might perhaps play a role":

- The projected railway link between Eilat and Beersheba, "for which Ikoror may provide the rails and other South African interests may undertake the construction work";
- The supply of steel and/or tanks for the underground storage of oil;
- The supply of coal for the new power station being erected north of Tel Aviv;
- A proposed canal from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea; and the erection of a hydro-electric power station near the Dead Sea;
- The processing of Dead Sea chemical products; and
- The manufacture of special cutting and tool steel.

Dr. Muller referred briefly to water research programmes undertaken by both Israel and South Africa — and Dr. G.G. Chille, of the National Institute for Water Research, amplified that reference in a paper which pointed out that Israel-South African research in water desalination had been a cooperative effort for some 20 years.

He said the South African and Israeli national committees of the International Association on Water Pollution Research would jointly sponsor an international conference on the advanced treatment and reclamation of waste water, to be held in Johannesburg in June 1977.

Mr. M. Kantor, the Israel Water Commissioner, had paid two visits to South Africa and it had been proposed that joint research projects be undertaken in several aspects of desalination, on the health aspects of reclaimed water, the treatment of sewage and the culture, harvesting and use of algae in a natural food cycle.

The South African Government's benign cooperation with private enterprise in the operation of the South African Export Credit Insurance Scheme, so far as business with Israel was concerned, was stressed by the general manager of the Credit Guarantee Insurance Corporation of Africa, Mr. J.J. Bouwer.

He expressed the hope that availability of the various credit facilities would materially assist in the furtherance of trade relations with Israel.

Mr. B. Walstein, chairman of the Israel-South Africa Chamber of Economic Relations, also made suggestions for strengthening economic and scientific ties between the two countries.

All speakers felt confident that two-way trade between South Africa and Israel, which has almost trebled in the past four years — from R13 million to nearly R37 million — will forge ahead now.

NEW YORK STOCKS Closing Tuesday, August 3, 1976

General Motors and American Telephone and Telegraph, two most widely held U.S. stocks, led a stock market rally yesterday.

The Dow Jones average of 30 stocks closed 597.19, higher than the previous day's close of 594.55.

Industrial telephone companies gained on Monday. AT&T rose 1 1/2 points to 138.50. Volume traded was up 1.5 million shares to 13.87 million on Monday.

The exchange's composite index closed 4.45 to 55.61.

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